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December 13, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 December 13, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE BUILDING REHABILITATION APPEALS BOARD IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ATHENS, FLORENCE, AND INGLEWOOD (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

This action will adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board pursuant to Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Building Code, which provides for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions, which constitute a public nuisance.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board that provide for abatement of public nuisances at the following locations:

1245 West 90th Place, Athens, California 90044  
5403 119th Street, Inglewood, California 90304  
1370 East 96th Street, Florence, California 90002  
1536 East 87th Place, Florence, California 90002  
10823 South Burl Avenue, Inglewood, California 90304  
1737 East 63rd Street, Florence, California 90001

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for abatement of public nuisances through

rehabilitation procedures. Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Building Code, provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board to hear appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions, which constitute a public nuisance.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no increase in net County cost or negative fiscal impact. Costs of the abatement work are billed to the property owners. Failure to pay the bill will cause a special assessment to be placed on the tax bill and a Notice of Abatement Lien will be recorded against the property with the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Building Code provides for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99.

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owners be provided an opportunity to appear before your Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance(s) by the County. However, your Board adopted modified procedures that delegated the required hearing to the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board with the requirement that the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board make a written recommendation to your Board.

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board has conducted the required hearing for the properties listed below. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of substandard properties. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following properties to be a public nuisance.

Your Board may either adopt these findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before your Board.

ADDRESS: 1245 West 90th Place, Athens, California 90044

Finding and Order: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: that by December 15, 2011, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and equipment, miscellaneous personal items, and all overgrown vegetation, if substantial progress, extend to January 16, 2011, and maintained cleared thereafter.

#### **List of Defects**

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.

2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance.
3. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
4. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.

ADDRESS: 5403 119th Street, Los Angeles, California 90304

Finding and Orders: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that by December 15, 2011, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and equipment, and miscellaneous personal items and maintained cleared thereafter and (b) that by December 15, 2011, the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) and parts thereof be removed and the property be maintained cleared thereafter.

#### List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation and weeds constituting an unsightly appearance.
3. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
4. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
5. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.

ADDRESS: 1370 East 96th Street, Florence, California 90002

Finding and Order: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: that by December 15, 2011, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and equipment, and miscellaneous personal items and maintained cleared thereafter.

#### List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Attractive nuisances in the form of abandoned or broken equipment.
3. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
4. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
5. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.

6. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 1536 East 87th Place, Florence, California 90002

Finding and Orders: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that by December 15, 2011, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and equipment, miscellaneous personal items, and all overgrown vegetation and maintained cleared thereafter and (b) that by December 15, 2011, the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) and parts thereof be removed and the property be maintained cleared thereafter.

#### List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance.
3. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
4. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
5. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
6. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 10823 South Burl Avenue, Inglewood, California 90304

Finding and Orders: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that by December 15, 2011, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and equipment, miscellaneous personal items, and all overgrown vegetation and maintained cleared thereafter and (b) that by December 15, 2011, the detached structure be repaired to Code.

#### List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance.
3. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
4. Garbage cans stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.

ADDRESS: 1737 East 63rd Street, Florence, California 90001

Finding and Orders: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that by December 15, 2011, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and equipment, and miscellaneous personal items and maintained cleared thereafter and (b) that by December 15, 2011, the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) and parts thereof be removed and the property be maintained cleared thereafter.

#### List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods of time.
3. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
4. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
5. Inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Not applicable.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board confirmed the County Building Official's findings that the listed properties are substandard because they are injurious to health, offensive to the senses, and obstruct the free use of neighboring properties so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Building and Safety Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

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Director

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County Counsel  
Executive Office